

Fwd: Blockade actions:: Bank and FI Information and Q&As

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Minister

You will find below an update on bank and FI activities. We will have another update, I hope later today.

As you will see the pace is stepping up.

I have also added some Q's and A's on issues that are being raised about the scope of actions being taken.

Michael

Information and Short List of Q&As

Accounts frozen and total amount

To date, financial services providers have frozen at least **61 accounts** representing approximately **\$2,683,000**. These include both retail and corporate accounts.

Information shared by the RCMP but NOT to be made public

RCMP confirms that they have disclosed to financial services providers the following information:

- 17 individuals involved in the illegal assemblies
- 12 vehicles involved in the illegal assemblies

RCMP have notified crypto exchanges of:

- 24 crypto accounts representing \$2,400,000.
- 103 bitcoin addresses representing \$618,000.

RCMP confirmed that public reporting of 30 crypto accounts is likely inaccurate

Q&As

Q1 – My friend gave money to a GoFundMe platform 2 weeks ago because she was tired of Covid and health restrictions, will her account be frozen?

- A. No, her account will not be frozen. The order took effect on February 15 and the order does not apply retroactively. Her account could be frozen if she provided financial support after the 15 or is still providing financial support directly or indirectly to finance unlawful assemblies. The focus is on individuals and entities identified by law enforcement and who are currently participating in, or financially supporting, illegal assemblies.

Q2 – I am no longer participating in an illegal assembly. My account was frozen, what do I do to unfreeze my account?

- A. You should call your financial service provider, who may ask for evidence that you are no longer engaged in prohibited activities.

Q3 – My account has been frozen under the measures and I do not believe my account should be frozen. Who should I contact?

- A. Any person who believes they have been mistakenly impacted by the Order should call their financial service provider.

Q4 – Will the bank allow payments for court ordered child support?

- A. We are in discussion with financial service providers to ensure court-sanctioned payments, such as child or spousal support, are exempt from any freeze.

Q5 – Someone whose account was frozen was arrested, what will financial services providers do with the account?

- A. Individuals cease to be subject to the suspension of their account when they stop participating in an illegal assembly.

Q6 – Why are FIs freezing accounts and denying me access to financial services?

- A. The *Emergencies Act* was invoked by the Government of Canada and is specifically intended to address illegal activities that are impacting trade, commerce, and security across the country. It includes economic measures that apply to all Canadian

financial services providers. It does not impact the vast majority of law-abiding Canadians.

Q7 – Is the vehicle insurance of truckers participating in illegal assemblies suspended?

- A. Your vehicle insurance will be suspended and your claims denied if you participate in an illegal assembly. You must leave in order to have it reinstated.

Q8 – Why must financial services providers share information about the property of designated persons with CSIS or the RCMP?

- A. Information must be shared with the RCMP or CSIS to assist these organizations in conducting investigations related to the illegal assemblies.